

### Overview of the sector and narrative

#### The Sector Overview:

The livelihoods and resilience sector aims to ensure refugees and host communities in refugee-hosting areas live peacefully while progressively pursuing self-reliance in environment conducive to sustainable responses for expanding inclusive livelihood opportunities. To support this, partners facilitate economic inclusion for refugees by improving access to arable land for agriculture; supporting farm operations; providing agro-inputs and training in good agricultural practices as well as business development services. By the end of Quarter 4, formal land agreements signed with landlords across 13 refugee settlements registered a marked 42% increase from 1,165 in Quarter 2 to 1,651. This can be attributed to continued efforts by the Government of Uganda and partners in facilitating refugee access to land. The Government and UNHCR advocacy efforts are focused on emphasizing formalization of land use or access arrangements between refugees and landlords, ensuring that even where the customary ownership of land is prevalent – specific access to land for livelihoods and agriculture is transparent, thereby reducing risks of exploitation linked to informal arrangements/ or ‘usufruct’ access which is common in the refugee settlements. Additionally, compared to Quarter 3, there was a 50% increase in the number of beneficiaries trained in climate-smart agriculture and financial literacy. In the fourth quarter of 2024, partners led by the Government conducted a pre-test of the Self-reliance index with refugees in Kampala, to gain insights into the experiences of urban refugees. This helped refine the tool and accordingly tailored it to the specific context of urban refugees. The refined tool is expected to be launched by mid-2025 and will be used by the Government and partners to assess progress towards self-reliance. Partner reporting<sup>1</sup> showed significant improvement in 2024, with 68 partners reporting in quarter four, up from 50 partners in quarter four of 2023. This progress is largely due to ongoing capacity development of partners provided by UNHCR and the enhanced coordination within the livelihood sector.

#### The Result Analysis:

The total acreage of arable land accessed by refugees registered a 35 percent increase from 8,247 acres in Quarter 3 to 11,173 acres in Quarter 4. By the end of Quarter 4, a total of 27,143 households received emergency livelihoods support, including assorted agriculture inputs (seeds, farm tools, and animal health kits). An additional 24,590 households benefited from varied livelihood support initiatives, such as skills development, market linkages, productive assets, and coaching. The fourth quarter saw partners increase training activities, with 106,680 trained in good agricultural practices, 42,326 individuals trained in business management, and 177,195 individuals trained in financial literacy. These efforts were designed to ensure refugee participation in value chains, micro and small enterprises. To increase access to decent work opportunities, 3,840 graduates were skilled in hospitality, motor vehicle mechanics and metal works fabrication, (150% increase) compared to quarter three numbers recorded. The duration of the skilled training varies, and the current summary does not distinguish the duration of the skilled training.

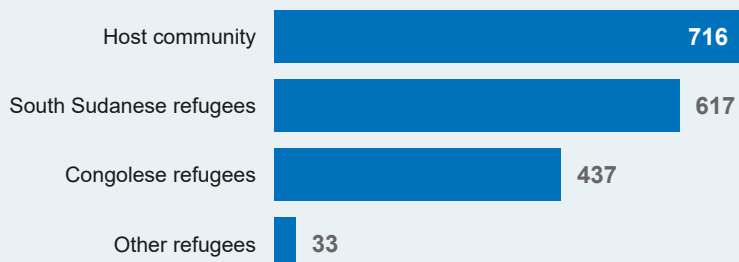
#### The Key Challenges/Opportunities:

Food insecurity among refugee households remains high at 61%; including huge gaps in non-food essential needs provision which directly impacts economic food access. The adverse and unexpected impacts of climate change continue to negatively affect crop production across all settlements, with West Nile being the worst affected with respect to poor crop yields. The compounded effect of shocks and stresses has contributed to the high food insecurity reported thereby necessitating a multi-pronged approach in tackling the gap including, enhanced efforts from government, UNHCR and other actors in the response, to support refugee access to arable land. This will ensure food availability and access through households' own food production. Simultaneously, the sector continues advocating for other pillars of food security (Food access, food utilisation and food stability) to be met by other response actors with longer term multi-year resources aimed at ensuring food and nutrition security in forcibly displaced refugee hosting contexts of Uganda. Another challenge impacting the sector is declining funding including multi-year resources. To exemplify; at the end of quarter four in 2024, the sector funding stood at USD 40 million, which accounts for 25% of the 162 million required for livelihoods projects in 2024. This funding decline occurs in an ecosystem where formal social protection programmes are minimal to non-existent, especially for economically vulnerable households. The expected impact of the reduced funding and rapidly changing funding landscape is high risk of reversal of: gains made in livelihoods; food and nutrition security; economic inclusion, self-reliance and resilience. UNHCR and sector actors continue to raise awareness of the resource gaps to donors and other actors for support.

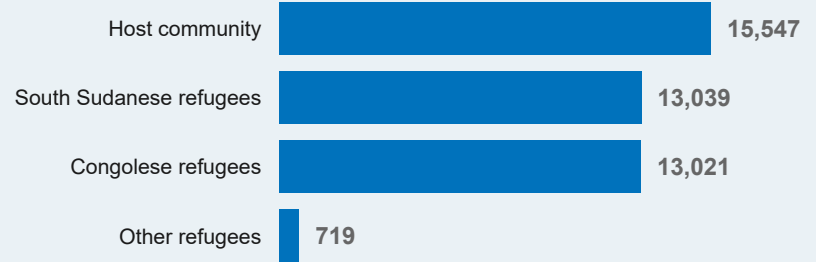
#### The Sector Priorities:

Advocacy with Government and host communities for Increased refugee access to agriculture land remains a top priority for the sector. The sector will continue to advance strategic collaborations with partners to ensure livelihood activities align with pledges/commitments made in the 2023 Global Refugee Forum. Through data and information management coordination, the sector is focusing on improving the recording of livelihood beneficiaries' data, to minimize duplication; strengthen synergies for improved program design and effective targeting; and optimize use of limited resources available. By mid-2025, and in close collaboration with Ministry of Gender and Social Services, the sector plans to roll out of Self-Reliance Index across the 13 refugee hosting settlements. Amidst a challenging funding landscape, the sector continues advocacy for multi-year funding and strengthening thematic coordination. This includes sharing best practices and lessons learned, including in key emerging programming areas such as graduation- that is through graduation community of practice in Uganda; the Self Reliance Index reference group focusing on self-reliance model; access to marketable value chains for forcibly displaced persons, market systems development, skills development for gainful employment and labour mobility pathways under solutions; entrepreneurship, and inclusive employment linkages targeting host community and refugees at both national and settlement level.

### Key Indicators



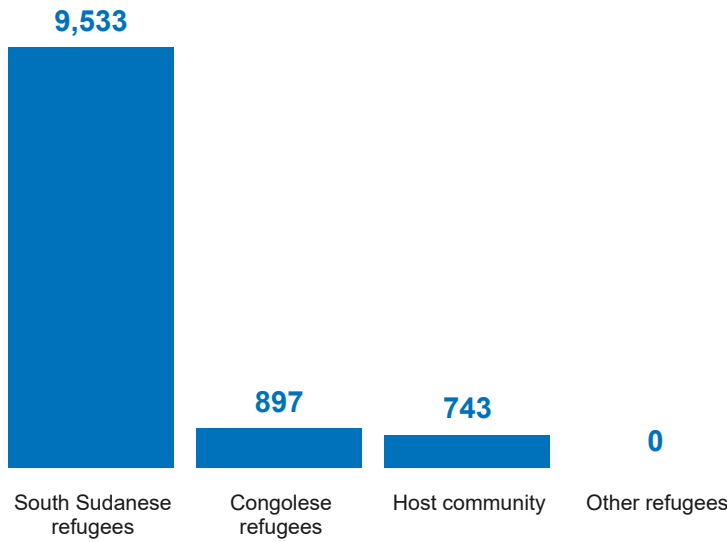
**Credit and saving groups formed**  
**1,663**



**Individuals trained on business management skills**  
**34,506**

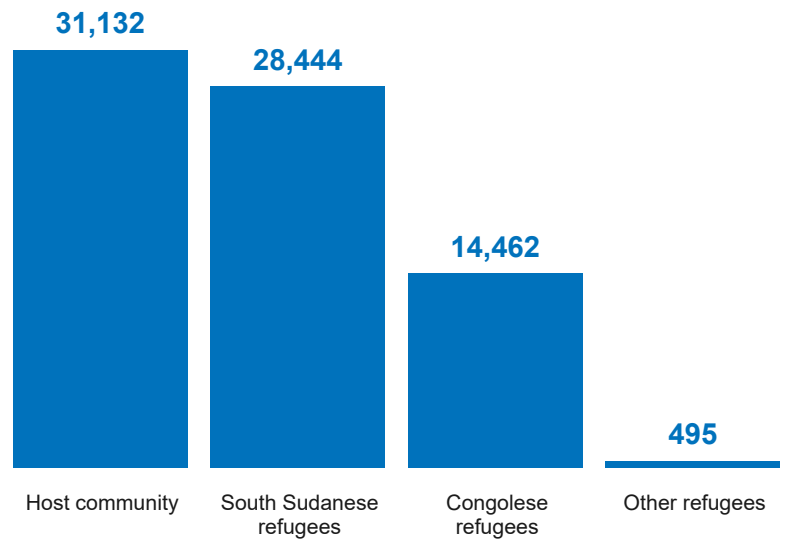


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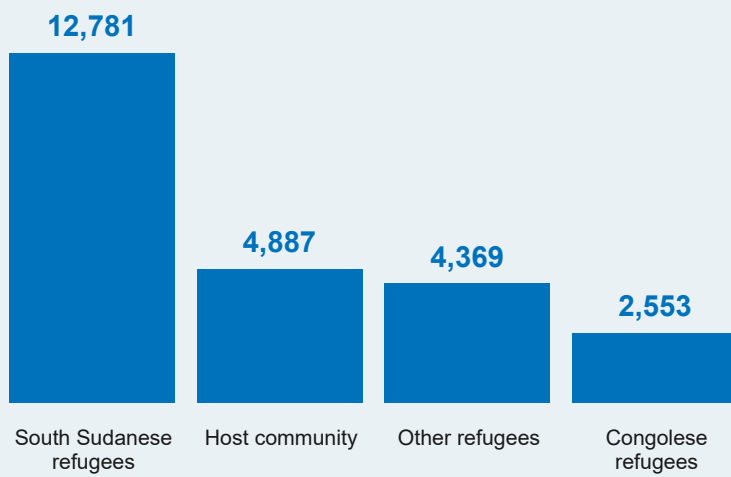
Acres of land accessed by refugees and host community (HC)

**11,173**



Individuals receiving climate smart agriculture training support

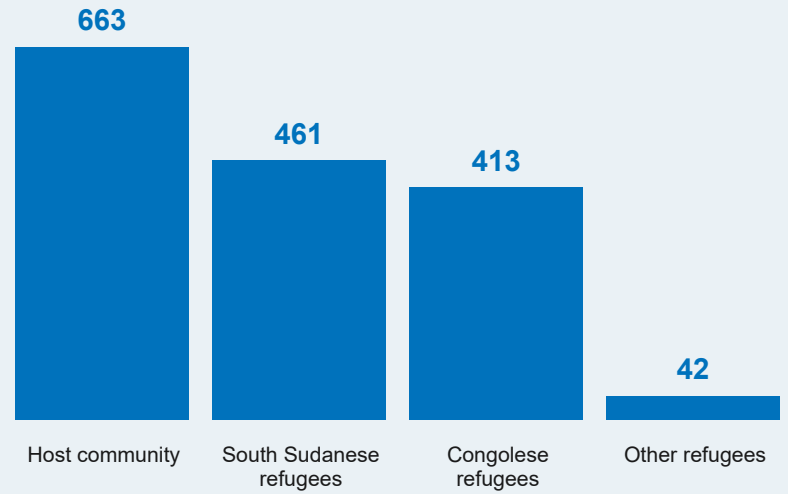
**74,533**



Households having received livelihood support

**Note:** This consists of those households having received cash grant for productive assets and mechanics tools in in-kind

**24,590**



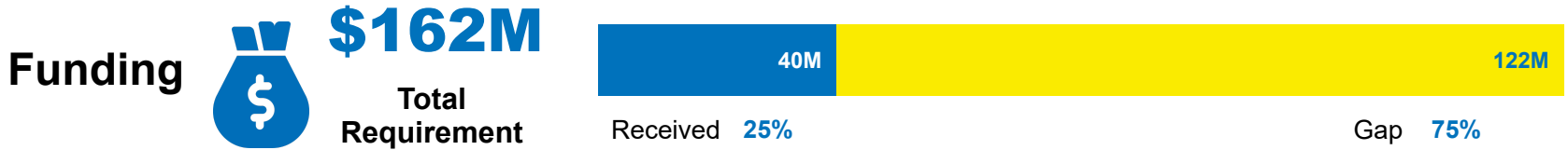
Farmer associations formed

**1,579**



### Outcome 1 : PoC in refugee hosting districts generate sufficient agricultural surplus to attain self-reliance

Indicator	Actual	Target/Standard ('23)	Actual	Gap
<b>Households receiving emergency livelihood support</b>				
- Congolese Refugees	3,012	N/A	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	100%
- South Sudanese Refugees	16670	N/A	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	100%
- Host Community	7,498	N/A	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	100%



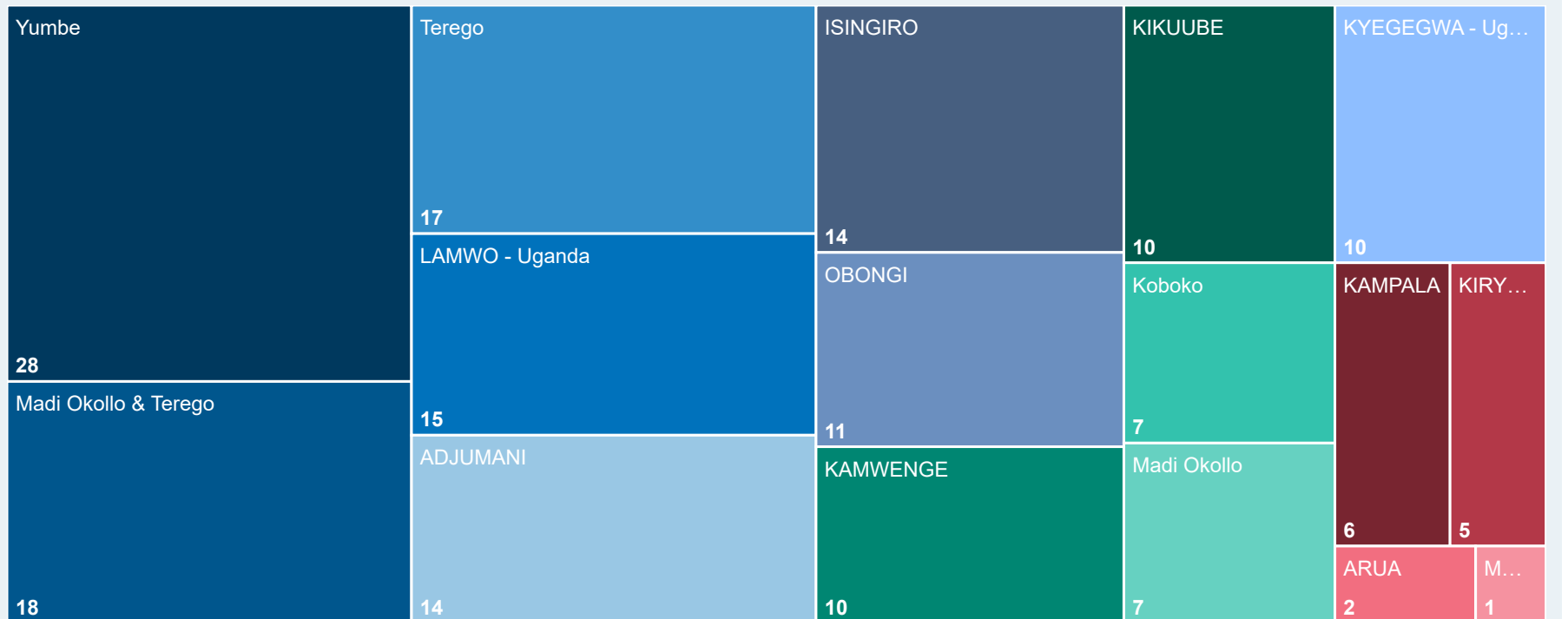
### Partners

Partners	Partners	Partners	Partners	Partners	Partners	Partners
ACAV	BRAC	CESVI	FRC	JRS	RGF	URCS
ACF	BSU	ChildVoice	GF	Kulika	RICE-WN	URDMC
ADRA	C&D	COVID	GNIU	LWF	SCI	VE
AFARD	CAF	CRS	HFU	MC	SeedEffect	VSO
AFI	CARE	DCA	HHA	MCCJ	SHA	WCC
Alight	Caritas	FAO	I CAN SSD	MPK	Swisscontact	WHH
AVSI	Caritas Switzerland	FCA	IRC	NRC	ThriveGulu	WVI
AWR	CEFORD	FIDA/FMU	JEEP	Oxfam	TVRA	WYO
AyudaEA		ForAfrika	JESE	PALM Corps	UCOBAC	ZOA

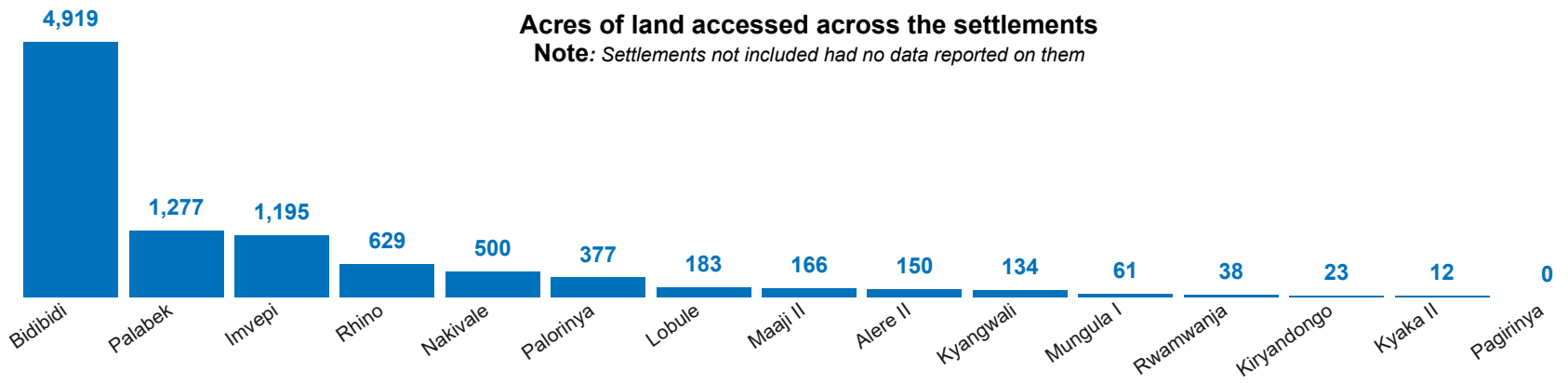
### Partner Reporting Breakdown



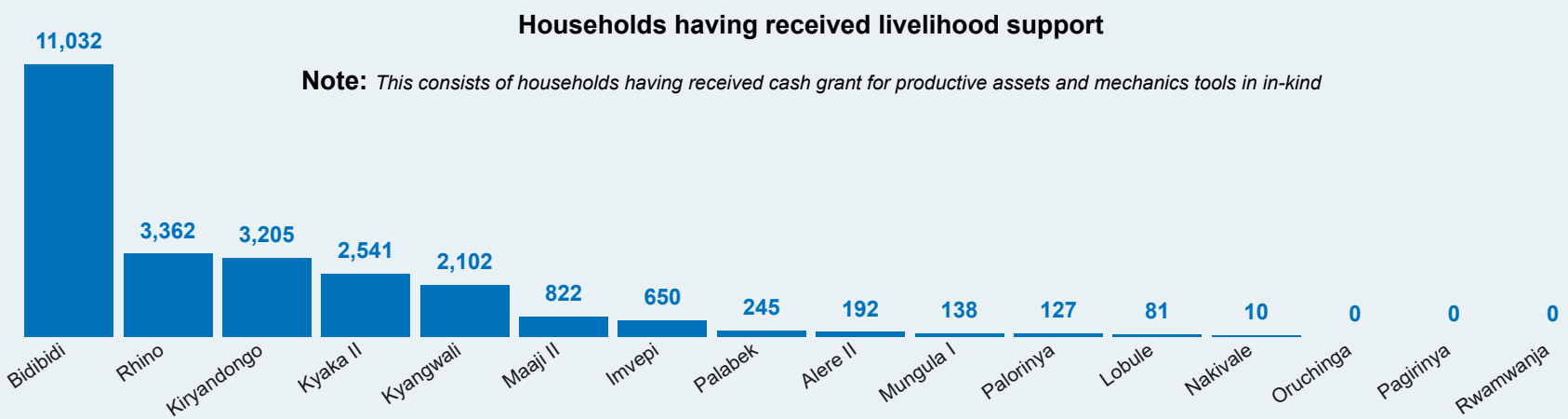
### Partners by District



### Key Indicators



Settlement	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Total
Alere II				150	150
Bidibidi	486	496	2,556	1,381	4,919
Imvepi	80	38	1,077	0	1,195
Kiryandongo	0	0	23		23
Kyaka II			12		12
Kyangwali	80	0	26	28	134
Lobule	0	10		173	183
Maaji II	0	166			166
Mungula I	0	11	50		61
Nakivale		500			500
Pagirinya	0				0
Palabek	210	280	553	234	1,277
Palorinya	107	120	150		377
Rhino	0	253	100	276	629
Rwamwanja		0		38	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>4,547</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>9,664</b>



Location Name	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Total
Alere II				192	192
Bidibidi	2,058	4,045	2,925	2,004	11,032
Imvepi	0	650	0	0	650
Kiryandongo	477	1,397	1,331		3,205
Kyaka II			1,052	1,489	2,541
Kyangwali	0		1,051	1,051	2,102
Lobule	81	0		0	81
Maaji II		822			822
Mungula I	0	138			138
Nakivale		0	10	0	10
Oruchinga		0			0
Pagirinya	0				0
Palabek	0		245		245
Palorinya		0	127	0	127
Rhino	1,218	360	357	1,427	3,362
Rwamwanja	0	0		0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,834</b>	<b>7,412</b>	<b>7,290</b>	<b>5,971</b>	<b>24,507</b>





### Partner reporting by district | South West & Kampala

Isingiro	Kyegegwa	Kikuube	Kamwenge	Kampala
ACF	ADRA	ACF	ADRA	IRC
Alight	Alight	Alight	Alight	JRS
AVSI	AVSI	AVSI	AVSI	MC
BSU	FCA	BSU	BSU	NRC
COVID	FRC	ELECU	DAI	RGF
ELECU	GNIU	FRC	ELECU	WYO
FRC	JESE	LWF	FCA	
GF	Oxfam	NRC	FRC	
HFU	TPO	TPO	LWF	
NRC	URDMC	WCC	WCC	
SCI				
Swisscontact				
TPO				
WCC				

### Partner reporting by district | West Nile & North

Yumbe	Terego	Madi Okollo & Terego	Lamwo	Adjumani	Obongi
ACF	ACAV	ACAV	ACF	ACF	ACF
ADRA	ACF	ACF	AVSI	AyudaEA	AyudaEA
AFARD	AFI	AVSI	AWR	C&D	CEFORD
CARE	AVSI	BRAC	AyudaEA	Caritas	ForAfrika
Caritas	BRAC	CAF	CESVI	CEFORD	FRC
Caritas Switzerland	CAF	CEFORD	DAI	FRC	HHA
CEFORD	CEFORD	DCA	FRC	JEEP	MCCJ
CRS	ChildVoice	FRC	GF	JRS	PALM Corps
DCA	DCA	IAS	IRC	LWF	RICE-WN
FIDA/FMU	ForAfrika	Kulika	LWF	PALM Corps	URCS
FRC	FRC	MC	MPK	RtP	WVI
HHA	IAS	Oxfam	SCI	SHA	
I CAN SSD	Kulika	PALM Corps	ThriveGulu	UNDP	
IRC	MC	SCI	UCOBAC	WVI	
Kulika	Oxfam	SeedEffect	WVI		
MC	PALM Corps	TVRA			
Oxfam	SCI	URDMC			
PALM Corps	SeedEffect	VE			
RICE-WN	TVRA				
SCI	URDMC				
SeedEffect	VE				
TPO	WHH				
URCS	WVI				
URDMC	ZOA				
VE					
VSO					
WHH					
WVI					

Koboko	Madi Okollo	Kiryandongo	Moyo	Moyo
ACF	AVSI	ACF	RICE-WN	AVSI
Caritas Switzerland	Kulika	FAO		SeedEffe
CEFORD	PALM Corps	FRC		
DCA	SCI	SCI		
ForAfrika	SeedEffect	SHA		
FRC	WHH			
RICE-WN	ZOA			

A total of 68 partners reported during Q1, Q2, Q3 & Q4. Overall, the West Nile/North districts had the highest number of partners reporting, with Yumbe, home to the Bidibidi settlement, with the highest number of reporting partners.

In contrast, the South West region saw fewer partners reporting; Isingiro district, where Nakivale and Oruchinga settlements are located, had the highest number of partners reporting in that area.

Lastly, Kampala, where most urban activities take place, had the fewest partners reporting.



### Operational Presence

Location District <span>▼</span>	Location Type <span>▼</span>	Location Name <span>▼</span>	Partner Type <span>▼</span>	Reporting Entity Name <span>▼</span>
All <span>▼</span>	All <span>▼</span>	All <span>▼</span>	All <span>▼</span>	All <span>▼</span>

Location District	Location Type	Location Name	Partner Type	Reporting Entity Name
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Adjumani (all settlements)	International NGO	AyudaEA
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Adjumani (all settlements)	International NGO	Caritas
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Adjumani (all settlements)	International NGO	FRC
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Adjumani (all settlements)	International NGO	JRS
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Adjumani (all settlements)	International NGO	LWF
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Adjumani (all settlements)	National NGO	CEFORD
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Adjumani (all settlements)	National NGO	PALM Corps
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Agojo	International NGO	SHA
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Alere II	International NGO	ACF
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Alere II	National NGO	JEEP
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Ayilo I	International NGO	FRC
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Ayilo I	International NGO	SHA
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Ayilo II	International NGO	FRC
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Ayilo II	International NGO	SHA
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Baratuku	International NGO	C&D
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Baratuku	International NGO	SHA
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Baratuku	National NGO	JEEP
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Boroli I/II	International NGO	SHA
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Elema	International NGO	SHA
ADJUMANI	Settlement	Maaji II	International NGO	ACF

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